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TO: Executive Board
Indiana State Department of Health

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SUBJECT: Executive Board Request for Adoption of Final Amendment to the
Communicable Disease Reporting Rule - 410 IAC 1-2.3

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) requests the Executive Board, at the Board's September 10, 2008 meeting, adopt the final amendment to the Communicable Disease Reporting Rule (410 IAC 1-2.3). The ISDH has the responsibility under IC 16-41-2 to administer communicable disease reporting recommendations, control measures, and best practices. The law grants ISDH authority to promulgate rules to manage communicable disease reporting and control. The rule has not been updated since 2000.

The final amendment does the following:

- Adds new definitions.
- Adds communicable diseases to the list of reportable diseases while removing others that no longer need to be reported.
- Adds diseases and control measures for communicable diseases.
- Updates documents incorporated by reference.

The final amendment also makes other changes in the rule, such as updating definitions, updating reference information, clarifying language, updating and modifying reporting requirements, and updating and modifying control measures based on best practices as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Public Health Association (APHA), and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

At the national level, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) recommends reportable diseases by adding them to the Nationally Notifiable Infectious Diseases (NNID). The diseases CSTE places under surveillance are novel pathogens or those with severe manifestations whose transmission is amenable to control by public measures. States are encouraged to establish parallel reporting requirements. In addition, the reporting requirements are supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Public Health Association (APHA), and the American Academy of Pediatrics.